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For: RECONFIGURABLE OPTICAL ADD/DROP
NODE WITH DISTRIBUTED SPECTRAL
FILTERING

Examiner: J. H. Kim

REPLY TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Election of Species Requirement dated July 13, 2005, the following is submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

The Examiner has required an election in the present application between:

Species 1, a fiber optic transmission system comprising one or more optical add/drop nodes including a spectral blocking filter which is illustrated in Fig. 4, and includes at least claims 4-12 and 14-16; and

Species 2, a fiber optic transmission system comprising one or more optical add/drop nodes and a plurality of optical spectrum equalizers illustrated in Fig. 5, and includes at least claim 17;

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect Species 1, illustrated in Fig. 4, with traverse.


At least claims 4-12 and 14-16 are directed to the elected species. As acknowledged by the Examiner, at least claims 1-3 and 13 are generic.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael R. Cammarata, Registration No. 39,491 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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